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SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : While I am quite aware and I have had experience of the distribution of this milk powder without reference to caste, creed, colour or religion, there were objections here and there that political poison was mixed up with this. Would the Government have an eye on this and supervise the distribution?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : We shall have to start a new research centre to see whether any political poison is inter-mixed in such gift articles.

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI : Sir, the ghee itself is called " ghee oil ". It is a combination of ghee and oil and the colour of the ghee oil is reddish . . . .

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That is dangerous . . .

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI : It is manufactured in a country where the people are never in the habit of using ghee. In view of these things will the Government investigate what exactly the substance is. (Interruption.) I have not tasted that ghee. Will the Government investigate and assure the people that its contents are quite good?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : So far as my information goes there is no such thing as " ghee oil ".

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI : It is butter oil.

Naicken canal in Malampuzha Project

* 2598 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the report from the Collector of Malabar regarding the arrangements made for the distribution of water from Naicken Canal of the Malampuzha Project; and

(*b*) if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) & (*b*) The answer [a] is laid on the table of the House.

Government Estate, Madras

* 2599 *Q.*—SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM (on behalf of Sri M. Manickasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the date on which Government Estate was handed over by the Governor of Madras to the Government for management by the Public Works Department; and

(*b*) the conditions and purpose for which the Government Estate was handed over by the Governor?

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[a] **Printed as Appendix III on pages 680–681 infra.**

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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (a) The buildings in the Government Estate were handed over by the Governor to the Government, Public Works Department, on various dates from 25th June 1946 to 1st October 1953.

(b) The Government Estate, Mount Road, was handed over by the Governor to the Government for use in whatever way the Government considered would be in the best interests of the public, subject to the following conditions :—

(i) Since the facilities in the Government House, Guindy, were insufficient and certain establishments and portions of staff were housed at Mount Road in parts of the Estate, the necessary construction should take place at Guindy as soon as possible and meanwhile the buildings in question (Mount Road) should remain occupied.

(ii) The various welfare organizations occupying buildings in the Mount Road Estate (e.g., Guild of Service) should be given reasonable notice to move; and

(iii) The Governor should have a lien on the use of the Rajaji Hall for special occasions, when he may require the use of it.

These three conditions were accepted by the then Chief Minister, Sri T. Prakasam.

It was then intended that the Banqueting Hall (Rajaji Hall) should be utilized for holding the sessions of the Legislature but later this was not found feasible, when expert opinions of the Chief Engineer, P.W.D., and the Consulting Architect to the Government were obtained.

* 2600 Q.—SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM (on behalf of Sri M. Manickasundaram): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether any standard rent has been fixed for each residential quarter in Government Estate;

(b) whether rent lower than the standard rent is collected from any category of occupiers;

(c) whether rent higher than the standard rent is collected from any category of occupiers; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, except (i) five Government servants occupying quarters reserved for the posts held by them and who pay rent at 10 per cent of their emoluments or standard rent plus service tax, whichever is less;